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Reply to Attn of.

General Law Practice Group

TO: Distribution

FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance at Government Contracts Year in Review Conference Reception – February 28, 2008

Representatives from NASA have been invited to attend a reception on February 28, 2008, in conjunction with the Government Contracts Year in Review Conference, in Washington, DC. Hogan & Hartson will sponsor the evening reception at Petits Plats from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

The Government Contracts Year in Review is designed to educate those who work in Government contracting on the latest case law and developments in the field. Approximately 300 people have been invited to attend. Those in attendance will include members of academia, trade associations, judges, representatives of various industries, other federal agencies, and GAO officials. The cost of the food and refreshments to be provided at the reception will be approximately \$20 per person.

I find that this event meets the requirements of a “widely attended gathering” as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g). I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event because it will allow individuals from a broad spectrum of industry and government to exchange knowledge and ideas on government procurement best practices and how they may play a role in NASA’s scientific advances and future challenges.

Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect Hogan & Hartson may accept an invitation for free attendance to the event.

NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect Hogan & Hartson, such as those who have procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Adam F. Greenstone".

Adam F. Greenstone